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## 1. Introduction

Chemiluminescence (CL), light produced as a result of a chemical reaction, is a valuable but under-utilized tool for the study of oxidation of fuels and lubricants. Although a large amount of CL research has been conducted on simple hydrocarbon systems, the extension of that work to complex mixtures, such as lubricating oils, has been slow and rather limited.

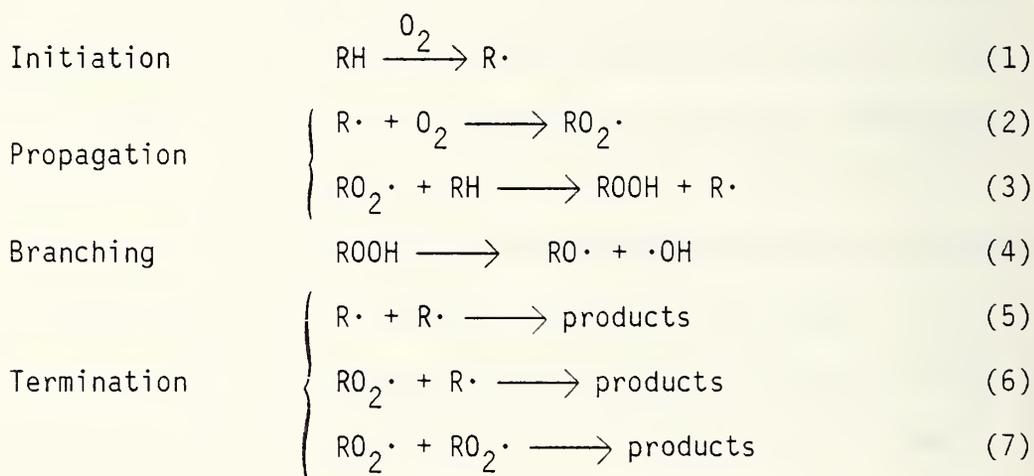
Hydrocarbon oxidation produces chemiluminescence in the principal termination reaction, recombination of peroxy radicals. The light intensity is proportional to the rate of that reaction and can be related through various methods to many of the other kinetic parameters of the overall oxidation reaction scheme. CL measurement is a sensitive, non-intrusive method that can provide a continuous monitoring of the reaction. These advantages can be extremely valuable over conventional methods for theoretical and practical studies.

This review will focus primarily on the application of CL in the study of fuel and lubricant oxidation, an area of significant practical importance. A brief discussion of the origin and mechanism of CL in hydrocarbon oxidation will be followed by a summary of some of the methods which have been developed for the determination of various kinetic parameters. This will be followed by a review of the instrumentation and the applications that relate to fuel and lubricant oxidation studies.

Several reviews [1-15] on the general topics of chemiluminescence are listed in Table 1. Hydrocarbon oxidation is covered in references [9] and [16].

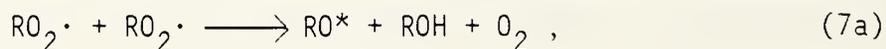
## 2. Mechanism

The source of chemiluminescence in hydrocarbon oxidation is fairly well established, although the exact mechanism is not completely understood. Hydrocarbon oxidation occurs in a chain reaction generally following the simplified scheme shown below:

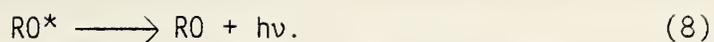


Where RH is the hydrocarbon, and  $R\cdot$  and  $RO_2\cdot$  are the alkyl and peroxy radicals, respectively.

Chemiluminescence is believed to arise from reaction (7), the recombination or disproportionation of peroxy radicals [14,17] by the Russell termination reaction. This is the only reaction of the set that has sufficient energy to emit visible light. The reaction can be written in more detail as:

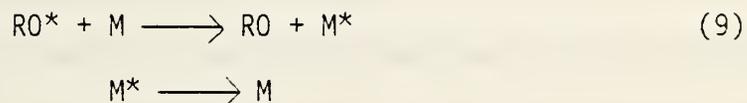


where the products are an excited state ketone  $RO^*$ , an alcohol  $ROH$ , and molecular oxygen. The excited state ketone can relax to the ground state with the emission of light producing chemiluminescence,

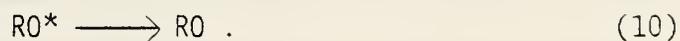


The emission spectrum is equivalent to the fluorescence spectrum of the molecule.

The effective quantum efficiency for light emission is generally quite low, on the order of  $10^{-7}$  to  $10^{-10}$  [18]. This low yield is an effect of the low luminescence efficiency and may also be due in part to a low excitation efficiency in reaction (7), [19,20]. The low luminescence efficiency is caused by deactivation of the excited species by subsequent secondary physical processes such as intermolecular energy transfer and collisional quenching by oxygen or other solution components,



where M is the quenching component, as well as by radiationless intramolecular transitions,



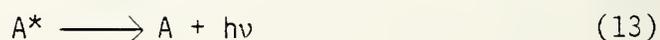
The apparent efficiency is also affected by absorption of the light by the reaction mixture. These secondary physical effects and the excitation and emission processes are discussed in greater detail in several reviews [3,4,13].

The intensity of chemiluminescence measured in photons per unit time is proportional to the rate of reaction (7),  $w_7$ , or equivalently through the rate equation to the square of the peroxy radical concentration  $[RO_2\cdot]^2$ ,

$$I_{CL} = C_1 w_7 = \frac{-d[RO_2\cdot]}{dt} = k_7 [RO_2\cdot]^2 \quad (11)$$

The proportionality constant  $C_1$ , essentially equal to the effective quantum efficiency for emission, is in general unknown and unmeasurable, except in the case of simple hydrocarbon systems [14]. In complex systems, the proportionality constant will vary with the composition and concentration of the reactants since the rate constant and excitation efficiency of reaction (7) depend strongly on the structure of the two combining peroxy radicals [21,22]. It will also vary with the composition of the entire system, reactants, products, solvents, dissolved gases, etc., since any of these can influence the secondary physical processes that lead to de-excitation without light emission. Thus, the reaction rate or peroxy radical concentration cannot be determined quantitatively directly from the light intensity. However, these and several other important kinetic parameters can be determined from relative values of light intensity by some of the methods described in the next section.

The effective quantum efficiency can be improved by adding energy acceptors to the reaction mixture. These are substances to which the excited state reaction products can efficiently transfer energy, and which have a higher quantum efficiency for subsequent emission of light. This process, known as sensitized luminescence, is described by the following reactions:



where A is the acceptor molecule. In general, the acceptor molecule is less sensitive to quenching because it has a much shorter radiative lifetime than the original excited species. The observed emission spectrum will be shifted to that of the energy acceptor. To be effective, the acceptor must not otherwise participate in the reaction. Vasil'ev and co-workers have studied the use of anthracene derivatives which are commonly used energy acceptors and divided them into "good" and "bad" groups [23].

### 3. Kinetic Methods

Chemiluminescence measurements can provide valuable information about hydrocarbon oxidation reactions. However, two important points must be kept in mind in evaluating experimental results [15,18]. First, the CL intensity is proportional only to the rate of peroxy radical recombination, reaction (7), and not necessarily to the overall oxidation rate. Second, CL occurs in two stages, excitation and emission, and the efficiency or yield for each of these steps depends on the composition of the reaction mixture. The effective quantum efficiency is, thus, a complex function of composition so that comparisons between samples are not necessarily straightforward. The brightest CL intensity is not necessarily indicative of the fastest oxidation.

This complexity has made empirical approaches popular in chemiluminescence studies of fuels and oils. Several easily measured parameters have been used to compare oils in terms of oxidizability. Probably the least valid, in terms of the above discussion, is a measure of the total intensity of light under the same reaction conditions. More accurate measures are induction time at a constant temperature or onset temperature during a slow temperature scan. In these cases, CL is used basically as a marker for the beginning of significant oxidation rather than as a direct measure of the oxidation rate. The induction time has been used, for example, to rate oxidation inhibitors [24].

A number of more exact methods have been developed for using CL measurements to determine various kinetic parameters of oxidation in simple hydrocarbon systems. The assumptions inherent in these methods are that the reactions are described fairly completely by the scheme shown above and that CL arises from reaction (7) of that scheme. While they were developed for simple hydrocarbons, some of these methods may be applicable to fuels and oils, especially those methods carried out under steady state conditions.

In the development of many of these methods, the reactions were run with added initiators. Although this is not necessary, it allows more information to be determined, because the initiation rate is then known. Energy acceptor molecules can also improve the measurements by increasing the sensitivity due to increased light output and by minimizing secondary energy transfer processes which may be composition and temperature sensitive.

Some of the methods are described below and are summarized in Table 2. The rate constants refer to the reactions in the original sequence (1 to 7). General references for the methods are given after each heading.

### 3.1 Activation Energy [7,14]

The temperature dependence of the CL intensity can be plotted in Arrhenius fashion to give the activation energies for various of the reaction steps. Mendenhall [7] shows that under steady-state conditions when oxygen diffusion is rate limiting, a common situation in lubricant studies at high temperatures, the activation energy determined from the CL intensity  $E_{CL}$  gives the activation energies for the propagation and termination steps,

$$\text{or} \quad E_{CL} = 2E_{prop} - E_{term} \quad (14)$$

$$E_{prop} = E_{CL}/2 \quad (15)$$

since the activation energy for termination by radical recombination is essentially zero [15]. Under similar conditions, the activation energy for initiation is given by Arrhenius treatment of  $t_{1/2}$ , the time to reach half of the steady state intensity after the start of oxidation, as shown in Figure 1.

Under steady state conditions in the presence of sufficient oxygen the initiation and termination rates are equal and termination is essentially all by reaction (7). The CL intensity is then proportional to the initiation rate as well as to the termination rate. Since the activation energy for termination is zero on Arrhenius plot of log CL intensity versus the reciprocal of

the absolute temperature then gives the activation energy for the initiation directly [14]. The oxygen supply will be sufficient, that is, not rate limiting, at low temperatures where the reaction rates are slower than the oxygen diffusion rate or in an apparatus designed for optimum diffusion at higher temperatures.

These measurements are more accurate with the use of an energy acceptor because the effect of the temperature dependence of quenching and secondary reactions is greatly reduced [14].

### 3.2 Oxygen Drop [8,14]

The oxygen drop method provides a measure of the overall oxidation rate. This method is illustrated by Figure 1, a curve of CL intensity versus time. Following the initiation of oxidation at point A the intensity increases to reach a maximum value at B. At point C the oxygen is shut off and the intensity again increases because of a decrease in quenching of the excited state species by the now decreasing amount of oxygen in the system. The reaction rate, however, is essentially independent of oxygen concentration except at very low levels [8,16] and continues at a constant value to D. At D the oxygen in the system has been consumed and the reaction rate and CL intensity drop sharply. This is the "oxygen drop." If the amount of oxygen in the system at point C is known then the time to the oxygen drop gives a direct measure of the oxidation rate. Since the CL intensity is used only as a marker for the end of oxidation, the method is unaffected by secondary physical processes such as quenching and energy transfer. Its accuracy is primarily dependent on the quality of thermostating in the system [14].

It can be shown that [14]

$$\begin{aligned}1/t &= \alpha[RH] + \beta, \\ \alpha &= k_3 \left( \frac{w_i}{k_7} \right)^{1/2} [O_2]_0, \\ \beta &= C_2 w_i / [O_2]_0,\end{aligned}\tag{16}$$

where  $t$  is the oxygen drop-time,  $[RH]$  and  $[O_2]_0$  are the hydrocarbon and initial oxygen concentrations,  $w_i$  is the initiation rate, and  $C_2$  is a constant whose value depends on the initiator used. Repetition of the experiment at different hydrocarbon concentrations and plotting the reciprocal of the oxygen drop time,  $1/t$ , versus concentration gives the rate constant ratio  $k_3/k_7^{1/2}$ , and either the initial oxygen concentration or the initiation rate again providing one of those quantities is known. A further extension of the method allows very precise CL measurements of the slope of the oxygen drop to be used to calculate the rate constant ratio  $k_2/k_5^{1/2}$  [25].

As originally developed, the oxygen drop method was used in single phase systems, where the only oxygen available was that dissolved in the liquid phase. This could be extended to two-phase liquid-gas systems provided the mass transfer between the phases was not limiting. A system of this type, incorporating both CL and independent measurements of oxygen consumption, is being developed at the National Bureau of Standards.

### 3.3 Non-Steady State Methods [12,26,27]

The above methods imply stationary or steady state reaction kinetics and, in general, give only ratios of rate constants. Absolute values of the rate constants can be obtained by suddenly causing the reaction to enter into a non-stationary state by, for instance, a sudden change in the initiation rate or sudden introduction of oxygen into a chemically initiated system. Changing the

initiation rate, which can be done by fast introduction of an initiator or abruptly starting or stopping the illumination of a photosensitive initiator, gives  $k_7$  the termination reaction rate constant. Sudden introduction of oxygen into a system containing hydrocarbon and an initiator gives both  $k_5$  and  $k_7$  termination rate constants, since the introduction of oxygen causes a change in termination from reaction (5) to reaction (7). This is also called the oxygen aftereffect method. Rapid heating of the sample has also been studied as a method of inducing non-stationary kinetics [12].

These non-stationary state methods are primarily for use with simple hydrocarbon systems. They may not be applicable to oils or other complex mixtures, since they depend on the rate constants of the six individual reactions not changing with reaction conditions. In a complex mixture, the observed rate constant is an average of the individual rate constants for each hydrocarbon in each step and is a function of composition which will, in general, change with changing reaction conditions.

#### 4. Applications

The potential applications of CL far exceed the number and type of current applications. Because of the sensitivity of the technique and the possibility of relating the CL signals to the chemistry and kinetics of the system involved, CL can be used to evaluate the stability and oxidative capacity of fuels and lubricants in terms of: (1) molecular structural differences, chemical composition, and basestock source; (2) physical properties, such as distillate cut (boiling point range) and viscosity grade; (3) effect of additives and additive type; (4) additive interactions with basestocks and with other additives; (5) formulation of additive packages; (6) effect of processing changes; (7) effect of environment (temperature, atmosphere, contact with other materials, etc.); (8) service life/performance; (9) storage life; and, (10) quality control of processing.

All of the above focus on the oxidation degradation and reaction mechanisms and allow products to be evaluated from the point of view of their stability (degradation) and performance (failure). In addition, insights into oxidation mechanisms gained in these experiments can be extremely useful in new additive research and in process technology development.

Highlights of the few published or known studies of chemiluminescence in the oxidation of actual fuels and lubricants are presented in Table 3 and will be discussed below. Related basic research on chemiluminescence in simple hydrocarbon systems is summarized in Table 4. Chemiluminescence is particularly useful in studies of oxidation inhibitors and catalysts, both of which will be discussed in later sections.

#### 4.1 Fuel and Lubricant Studies

The published studies of CL in the oxidation of actual fuels and lubricants are limited to three groups. Two groups in the USSR investigated antioxidants in oils and a group in the U.S. studied fuel stability.

Antioxidant Studies. In the USSR, Suleimanova and co-workers [28-33] studied the oxidation stability of paraffin oils and lubricating oil basestocks with and without additives. They developed two standard test procedures [30], a "constant background method" in which the time to reach a constant CL intensity was determined at each temperature during stepwise heating from 100 to 200 °C in 10° steps, and a "constant time method" in which the total CL signal was measured for 10 s for each temperature step as before. These methods were used primarily as relative analytical techniques rather than as actual oxidation tests. For instance, the authors observe that light output from oxidized oils is decreased compared to that from fresh samples. They, therefore, use their procedures to judge the degree of oxidation or degradation of oil samples from standard bench oxidation tests [32] or engine tests [31].

This work can be used to illustrate some of the factors that must be considered in developing evaluative CL test methods. The constant background test is basically a measurement of induction time as a function of temperature. However, when a single 0.2 cm<sup>3</sup> sample volume is used for the entire test, the measurements toward the end of the run are being made on a severely oxidized sample. The authors reported that by the end of the tests (6 to 14 hours) the oils had been reduced to powders [31].

The constant time method is a much shorter test lasting only 10 s at each temperature and therefore does not suffer this drawback. Because of its short duration it is the only method of the two used routinely in these studies. The method essentially measures an initial reaction rate and its variation with temperature. The authors used this initial rate method to rank the antioxidant performance of various additives, the lower the light output, the better the additive. However, in the work discussed below, Gol'denberg, Shmulovich, and Yurchenko [39], show that other factors are also important in judging additive effectiveness. The usefulness of these two methods is unknown since Suleimanova presents rankings of several tested additives without comparable data from other tests to support his methods or conclusions [33].

The authors also use both of these methods to rank the oxidative stability of a number of basestocks [30,33]. This could also lead to inaccurate results because, as discussed before, CL intensities should not be used as direct measures of oxidation rates [12,14,18]. CL measurements should only be used to determine other parameters such as reaction rates, induction times, or activation energies which can then be used for comparison. In general, the CL intensity is proportional only to the rate of the reaction from which the light is produced, not necessarily to the overall oxidation rate [15,18]. The proportionality constant is the product of the efficiencies of excitation and emission, both

of which depend on the sample composition and experimental conditions. For example, lubrication oil basestocks with different physical properties may contain widely different oxygen concentrations in a given oxidation apparatus (especially in tests not designed for optimum control of oxygen diffusion into the sample). As shown before in the discussion of the oxygen drop test, the light emission is very sensitive to oxygen concentration.

Shmulovich and Gol'denberg [24] studied chemically and thermally initiated CL in paraffin oils over a temperature range from 60 to 190 °C. Generally, azobisisobutyronitrile (AIBN) or a hydroperoxide was introduced into the system to initiate  $RO_2\cdot$  formation. Dibromoanthracene (DBA) was used as an energy acceptor to enhance the CL signal. A number of different compounds were studied for their antioxidant capabilities. Natural antioxidant concentration and thermal stability of the oils could be determined by measuring the induction period, the time from the beginning of a test to the appearance of a significant increase in the CL signal. This test was used to rate antioxidants and provided a rapid screening procedure for antioxidant efficiency. The efficiency of a given antioxidant was calculated from an empirical relationship comparing the antioxidant induction time as a function of concentration with that of another antioxidant which had been chosen as a standard. One study roughly correlated the oxidation rate with activity of antioxidants. According to the authors, these studies showed the CL signal had two components: one due to peroxy radical recombination and the other resulting from accumulation of hydroperoxide reaction products. However, this hypothesis is not generally supported by other investigators [17].

Gol'denberg and Shmulovich later extended this work [37-39], incorporating the theory of Karpukhin and Shlyapintokh [8,34-36] which is discussed in Section 4.3. Using this theory the authors were able to calculate the ratio  $k_8/k_7^{1/2}$

where  $k_8$  [see reaction (18)] and  $k_7$  are the rate constants for termination by interaction of peroxy radicals with inhibitors and by disproportionation respectively. This ratio was used as a ranking parameter to rate the effectiveness of a number of antioxidants and to determine the concentration of naturally occurring inhibitors. The authors also suggested the possibility of effecting long-term stabilization of oil by using CL measurements to control subsequent antioxidant addition in service.

Fuel Stability. Mendenhall and Nathan [40-42] at Battelle, were able to predict the service life of JP5 jet fuels using the oxygen drop CL method. A set of  $I_{CL}$  vs  $t$  curves, at temperatures between 125 and 150 °C were obtained. The maximum intensity ( $I_{max}$  in Figure 1) and induction period ( $t_{1/2}$  in Figure 1) from such temperature variation experiments were used to obtain activation energies from Arrhenius plots. The plots showed that two different propagation mechanisms were occurring, each with its own temperature regime. These results explained why the commonly used accelerated tests did not give accurate indications of fuel stability. The major benefit of CL techniques is that due to their extreme sensitivity they can examine materials under actual use conditions in non-accelerated tests. Several jet fuels were evaluated by the CL techniques. "Bad" fuels were able to be discriminated from "good" fuels.

In an isolated study, Markby and co-workers [43] at the U.S. Bureau of Mines, observed light induced CL of coal derivatives and petroleum asphalts while performing a liquid scintillation experiment. They report their observations and suggest a mechanism for photo-initiated chemiluminescence.

#### 4.2 Simple Hydrocarbons

Because of the complexity of real samples, it may be difficult or impossible to accurately extrapolate methods and mechanisms from simple chemical systems. Although quantitative data on individual rate constants cannot be obtained due

to the multiplicity of reactions and deactivations that can occur; overall rates and other qualitative information can provide much necessary information, as noted above. Basic research studies can provide a better understanding of real situations by elucidating simple mechanisms that combine to form the complex system. Most of the knowledge of the chemiluminescence process that has been described above has been determined from studies of simple systems.

These studies are listed in Table 4. They will not be discussed individually, but many of them have been used in the general discussions of CL in this paper.

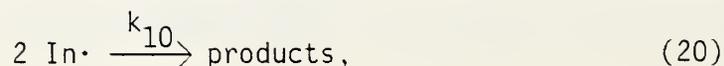
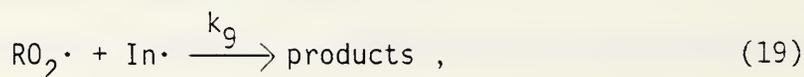
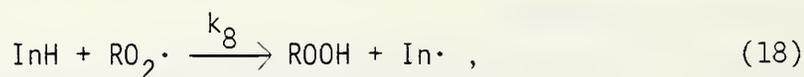
#### 4.3 Oxidation Inhibitors

Chemiluminescence appears to be a valuable tool for the study of oxidation inhibitors. In general, inhibitors work by reacting with radicals to terminate growing chains and, thus, slow the rate of oxidation. Since the CL intensity is a measure of peroxy radical concentration, inhibitor addition diminishes the intensity in direct proportion to the activity of the inhibitor. At steady-state, the following relation between the oxidation rate,  $w$ , and the CL intensity,  $I$ , can be obtained,

$$\frac{w}{w_0} = \left( \frac{I}{I_0} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}, \quad (17)$$

where the subscript, 0, refers to the uninhibited system [34].

The following set of equations describes the action of an inhibitor and must be added to the previous set, Eqs. (1-7), to complete the reaction scheme for inhibited oxidation:



where InH is the inhibitor.

Karpukhin, Shlyapintokh, and co-workers [8,34-36] used this scheme in studying the kinetics of inhibited oxidation in several simple hydrocarbon systems. They showed and confirmed experimentally that to a very good approximation

$$\left(\frac{I_0}{I}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} = 1 + 1.1 \frac{k_8 [\text{InH}]_0}{(k_7 w_i)^{\frac{1}{2}}} \quad (21)$$

where  $[\text{InH}]_0$  is the initial inhibitor concentration, and  $w_i$  is the rate of initiation. The parameter  $k_8/(k_7 w_i)^{\frac{1}{2}}$  is found from a plot of  $(I_0/I)^{\frac{1}{2}}$  versus  $[\text{InH}]_0$ .

Another parameter,  $k_8(w_i/k_7)^{\frac{1}{2}}$ , found from the slope of the kinetic curve of  $I/I_0$  versus time, can be combined with this to give individual values for the initiation rate,  $w_i$ , and the rate constant ratio  $k_8/(k_7)^{\frac{1}{2}}$ , which is characteristic of the relative activity of the inhibitor. The kinetic curves which show an increase in intensity as the inhibitor is consumed, are S-shaped with the inflection point at  $I/I_0 = 0.55$  [25]. The slope at that point is related to this second parameter by [35]:

$$\frac{d(I/I_0)}{dt} \Big|_{\max} = 0.22 k_8 \left(\frac{w_i}{k_7}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \quad (22)$$

Use of this method was complicated by the observation that the maximum slope decreases with increasing initial concentration of inhibitor implying a decrease in inhibitor activity with increasing initial concentration. This result, supported by other investigators [44], is suggested as being due to an effect of inhibitor reaction products on the radical concentration [36], perhaps branching due to breaking of peroxide bonds in some of the products. To

surmount this problem, the data for a number of different initial concentrations were extrapolated to  $[\text{InH}]_0 = 0$  to give a concentration independent value for  $d(I/I_0)/dt_{\text{max}}$  for use in the above equation.

Several application-oriented studies have used CL as a convenient means for rating the relative effectiveness and concentration dependence of initiators. Shlyapintokh [45], using Eq. (17) above, suggested using the reciprocal of the inhibitor concentration that gives a fifty percent decrease in CL intensity as a measure of relative activity. In studies already discussed, Suleimanova and co-workers [28-33] ranked additives by their ability to decrease the absolute CL intensity in a given oil. Shmulovich and Gol'denberg [24] initially used the induction time to rate additives but later extended Karpukhin and Shlyapintokh's theory to these complex materials using  $k_8/(k_7)^{1/2}$  as a ranking parameter [39].

The inhibitor concentration dependence can also be used to determine the number of chains terminated per molecule of inhibitor and to investigate mechanisms of inhibitor action. Examples of the latter are studies which show that stable nitroxyl radicals terminate chains by reacting only with alkyl radicals and not with peroxy radicals [46], while other inhibitors, like ionol, react exclusively with peroxy radicals. Other studies have looked at synergistic effects from combinations of inhibitors [30].

One final concern in using CL to study inhibition is that some antioxidants, such as phenols, are known deactivators of excited states so that the decrease in CL intensity could also be due to quenching of the excited species. However, Vasil'ev [47] and others [8] have shown that the quenching effect is negligible in comparison with inhibition.

#### 4.4 Metal Catalysts

CL is also applicable to studies of catalyzed reactions. However, only a few CL studies of catalyzed hydrocarbon oxidations have been published. Zakharov and Shlyapintokh [48-50] studied the oxidation of ethylbenzene in the presence of cobalt acetate, which catalyzes the reaction by decomposing hydroperoxides to form new radicals. Catalysis increased the steady-state CL intensity above that of the non-catalyzed reaction; but, except at fairly low concentrations, the intensity was independent of the amount of catalyst. The authors showed that in a system where initiation occurs only by the catalyzed hydroperoxide decomposition, the CL intensity is proportional to the hydroperoxide concentration and decomposition rate, as well as to the oxidation rate [49]. This allowed measurement of the effective rate constant for decomposition [50] and determination of the mechanism of catalyst action [48] by using non-stationary state techniques. The results agreed very well with a contemporary study of the same reaction by standard methods.

Gol'dberg and Obukhova [51] studied the reaction of manganese stearate with peroxy radicals. Such transition metal salts apparently act as inhibitors under certain conditions [16,52] by donating an electron to a peroxy radical, eliminating the radical, and terminating an oxidation chain. The authors used CL techniques to determine the rate constant for the reaction and showed that the value was close to corresponding values for the reaction of peroxy radicals with strong inhibitors.

Rychlá-Matisová and co-workers [53] studied CL in the decomposition of 2,2-azobisisobutyronitrile (AIBN) and cumene hydroperoxide catalyzed by bis(-)-ephedrine copper(II) chelate. With AIBN, a commonly used initiator, the copper chelate acts to terminate radicals formed from the initiator, with a resulting decrease in CL. With the hydroperoxide, the chelate acts as an

accelerator, catalyzing decomposition to form new radicals. This causes an increase in CL. In a real oxidation system, a metal catalyst probably plays both roles, inhibitor and accelerator. The overall effect can be detected and followed by measuring changes in the CL intensity.

## 5. Instrumentation

The basic instrumentation used for CL is spectroscopically quite simple. General reviews [2,7,10,11] of CL instrumentation are listed in Table 1. Figure 2 shows block diagrams of a typical instrumental arrangement. The typical instrument consists of a heated reaction cell in a thermally insulated and light-tight environment. The light emitted due to the oxidation reaction may or may not be spectrally isolated by filters, monochromators, polychromators, or simply by the transmission characteristics of the optics. The light is then detected by a PMT, which may be cooled to decrease the dark noise. The PMT is a phototransducer, whose electrical output can be monitored using an electrometer or photon counter. The signal can then be displayed on a recorder, oscilloscope, or CRT, or may be processed digitally. Commercial instruments are available for bioluminescence studies. However, these would have to be modified for the study of fuels and lubricants. In general, the CL apparatus consists of a special reaction cell combined with a spectrometer or filter photometer. Liquid scintillation counters, spectrofluorimeters, filter fluorimeters, UV-vis spectrophotometers, photometers, and radiometers have all been modified (or assembled) for use in CL studies. The main instrumental criteria for the study of the weak CL emitted in the oxidation reactions of fuels and lubricants are: (1) a reaction cell with a viewing port; (2) accurate temperature measurement and control; (3) accurate control of atmosphere and gas ( $O_2$ ) introduction to the sample; (4) a "light-tight" optical path; and (5) a sensitive photomultiplier tube (PMT).

State-of-the-art instrumentation has to consider the reaction cell separately from the spectral readout device. Engine temperatures to which a lubricating oil is subject are as high as 200 to 300 °C. No commercially available cells are made to study condensed phase CL at these high temperatures. However, there are articles [54,55] which describe experimental and theoretical considerations of cell design in analytical chemiluminescence systems. Currently, most researchers use quartz or glass reaction vessels.

Spectrometrically, the most recent innovations consist of the use of image devices, such as photodiode arrays and vidicon tubes or the use of rapid-scan or slew-scan spectrometers. The obvious advantage here is the ability to get much more detailed information on the oxidation reactions occurring. Ingle and co-workers [56,57] have utilized a microprocessor-controlled intensified diode array to acquire CL spectra. This system is capable of producing a 512 point CL spectrum from 200 to 840 nm in as little as four milliseconds and can also signal average. The primary disadvantage of image devices is their lack of sensitivity when compared to PMT. Although the CL spectra obtained provide principally qualitative information about the CL reactions, they are useful for (1) choosing PMT's for maximum sensitivity at the wavelengths of maximum CL intensity, (2) identifying reactant or production absorption interferences, (3) elucidating the nature of matrix interferences, or (4) obtaining information about CL reaction mechanisms (e.g., identification of the luminescing species or the change in the species luminescing with time or temperature). Often qualitative information may be sufficient to solve a problem or control a process. The provision of corrected CL spectrum may in itself provide necessary information.

The CL signal is usually assumed to come from the bulk of the solution (homogeneous CL) and not to change its spectral distribution. Lloyd and co-workers [59-61] observed a comparatively strong CL from the reaction(s) occurring

at the walls of the reaction vessels (heterogeneous CL) which could easily be mistaken for CL from the bulk of the solution. They noted that the CL intensities did not vary with volume but did vary with the method used to clean the reaction vessel. The heterogeneous CL was in a different part of the spectrum than the homogeneous CL and could be minimized under certain conditions. Monitoring the entire spectrum would help to alleviate this problem and also give added insight into changes in reaction types occurring. Often to avoid changes in spectral information, an energy transfer agent will be used. This does not affect the overall oxidation reaction but does enhance the CL and limit the CL light output to a specific portion of the spectrum.

In CL studies of fuels and lubricants temperature control, varnish formation, condensation, correct identification of spectral information (e.g., bulk vs surface reaction, or stray light, or changes in spectral composition), and safety are important. Oscillations of the CL intensity have been observed [58] which corresponded to the change in direction of the temperature gradient between the sample and thermostating equipment. The oscillations were substantially larger than would have been expected if they were solely due to temperature fluctuations. This demonstrates the need for accurate temperature control. Varnish formation is difficult to avoid, and viewing from the bottom of a cell should be done very cautiously. Proper gas flows to control the atmosphere can eliminate condensation along the optical path.

## 6. Conclusion

Chemiluminescence methods provide an extremely practical means of testing the stability of fuels and lubricants, as well as of selecting additives and studying the oxidation process under conditions similar to those experienced in service. CL methods are nonintrusive and can provide continuous monitoring. The techniques are sensitive so that analyses are rapid, and only require a small

sample. At present, however, the lack of suitable, commercially available sample cells hinders the technique's use as a routine research tool. A well-designed CL instrument would be a powerful tool to attack the complex problems of fuel and lubricant oxidation.

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Table 1

## Significant Reviews on Chemiluminescence

| <u>Author(s)/Year/Ref.</u>                   | <u>Title</u>  | <u>Subjects</u>  |
|--|---|--|
| Gundermann/1974/[1]                          | Recent Advances in Research on the Chemiluminescence of Organic Compounds                             | Molecular mechanism of CL; Mechanism of CL in HC autoxidation; CL from peroxide decomposition                            |
| Heller & Richter/1974/[2]                    | Chemiluminescence in the Condensed Phase: Measurements of Rates and Yields of Excited State Formation | Spectroscopy; Radiometry Instrumentation and Calibration; Measurement of absolute quantum yields                         |
| Hercules/1970/[3]                            | Physical Basis of Chemiluminescence   | Molecular mechanism of CL  |
| McCapra/1973/[4]                             | Chemiluminescence of Organic Compounds  | Molecular mechanism of CL  |
| /1972/[5]                                    | Chemiluminescence   | Molecular mechanism of CL<br>CL from singlet oxygen  |
| /1970/[6]                                    | The Chemiluminescence of Organic Compounds  | CL from peroxide decomposition   |
| Mendenhall/1977/[7]                          | Analytical Applications of Chemiluminescence  | Instrumentation; CL in hydrocarbon oxidation; CL analysis of complex materials; Correlation with stability; service life |
| Popisova, Shlyapintokh, & Vassil'ev/1965/[8] | Chemiluminescence and the Kinetics of Chemical Reactions  | CL in hydrocarbon oxidation: kinetics; inhibitors; catalysts   |
| Reich & Stivala/1969/[9]                     | Weak Chemiluminescence During Hydrocarbon Autoxidation  | CL in hydrocarbon oxidation: kinetics; inhibitors; catalysts   |
| Seitz & Neary/1977/[10]                      | Chemiluminescence and Bioluminescence Analysis  | CL in evaluation of material degradation; Instrumentation  |
| Shlyapintokh et al./1968/[11]                | Chemiluminescence Techniques in Chemical Reactions  | Instrumentation; CL in hydrocarbon oxidation: kinetic methods; inhibitors; catalysts                                     |

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|-----------------------|---|--|
| Shlypintokh/1966/[12] | Free Radicals and Chemiluminescence         | CL in hydrocarbon oxidation: inhibitors; kinetic methods |
| Vassil'ev/1970/[13]   | Chemiluminescence Excitation Mechanisms     | Molecular mechanism of CL                                |
| /1967/[14]            | Chemiluminescence in Liquid-phase Reactions | CL in hydrocarbon oxidation; Kinetic methods             |
| /1967/[15]            | Chemiluminescence in Solutions              | Molecular mechanism of CL                                |

Table 2

Summary of Chemiluminescence Kinetic Methods

| <u>Method</u>        | <u>Use</u>   | <u>Conditions</u>   |
|----------------------|--|---|
| Induction time       | Antioxidant evaluation                                   | Constant temperature  |
| Onset temperature    | Oxidation stability                                      | Slow temperature scan   |
| Activation energy    | $E_{\text{Act}}$ for initiation or propagation reactions | Arrhenius treatment of $t_{1/2}$ or $I_{\text{max}}$ , respectively         |
| Oxygen drop          | Overall oxidation rate                                   | Shut off $O_2$ at a constant temperature and monitor $I_{\text{CL}}$ vs $t$ |
| Dilution oxygen drop | Rate constant ratios                                     | Vary conc'n (must know $[O_2]$ or initial rate, $w_i$ )                     |
| Non-steady state     | Absolute rate constants                                  | Abrupt change in $O_2$ introduction or $w_i$                                |

Table 3

Fuel and Lubricant Studies

| <u>Reference</u>                          | <u>Application</u>         | <u>Experimental Results</u>  |
|---|----------------------------|--|
| Nathan and Mendenhall<br>(40-42)          | Jet Fuel Stability         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Predicted service life/stability of jet fuels</li> <li>- measured oxidation rate using <math>O_2</math> drop method under actual service conditions</li> <li>- Arrhenius plot demonstrated reason for failure of accelerated tests</li> </ul>   |
| Shmulovich and Gol'denberg<br>(24, 37-39) | Antioxidants Effectiveness | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Developed a rapid screening test for anti-oxidants</li> <li>- Determined the relative efficiency from induction time</li> <li>o Studied thermally initiated oxidation (150 to 190 °C) and chemically initiated oxidation (70 °C)</li> <li>- measured rate constant ratio <math>k_7/\sqrt{k_6}</math> as a relative oxidation inhibitor rating</li> <li>- measured concentration of natural anti-oxidants in oils</li> </ul> |
| Suleimanova and co-workers<br>(28-33)     | Petroleum Oil Oxidation    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Developed two standard CL test procedures for petroleum oils</li> <li>- rated stability of a group of Soviet basestocks</li> <li>- rated additive effectiveness by decrease in CL intensity compared to unformulated oil</li> <li>- measured oxidative degradation of oils by decrease in CL intensity of samples from conventional bench or engine tests</li> </ul>  |
| Markby and co-workers<br>(43)             | Oxidation of Asphaltenes   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Observed photo-initiated CL</li> <li>- suggested a mechanism for CL of coal and petroleum derived products</li> </ul>   |

Table 4

## Related CL Studies on Simple Hydrocarbons

| Application   | Chemical System  | Experimental Conditions   | Parameter Measured (Calculated)   | Comments  |
|---|--|---|---|---|
| CL Mechanism<br>Mechanism of excited state formation (Beutel, ref. 20)  | S: dimedone<br>I: DCHPC (dichlorohexylperoxydicarbonate)<br>EA: erythrosin, eosin  | SS methods in a thermostatted (50-70 °C) and refluxed sample cell (10-30 mL); O <sub>2</sub> and N <sub>2</sub> bubbled through sample; spectral information from 250-700 nm.   | I vs t, I vs λ,<br>I vs (EA), O <sub>2</sub> consumption<br>(w <sub>i</sub> , t <sub>i</sub> , k <sub>i</sub> 's,<br>Y, kinetic chain length)   | Attributed low quantum efficiency of CL to low excitation efficiency  |
| Efficiency of emission (Kellogg, ref. 19)   | S: n-heptane, 2-butanone, n-octane, cyclohexane, n-dodecane, cyclohexanone, cyclododecane, ethyl benzene, 2-heptanone, benzyl phenyl ketone cyclopentanone<br>I: DCIIPC                      | SS and NSS methods in a thermostatted (70 °C) cell using air saturated and degassed solutions (10 mL) in air and Argon atmospheres  | I vs t, I vs λ<br>(Y)   | Attributed low quantum efficiency of CL to O <sub>2</sub> quenching in the solvent cage.  |
| Mechanism for thermal decomposition of ROOH (Lloyd, refs. 59-61)  | S: benzene, benzoyl peroxide, cumene peroxide, benzene hydroperoxide, acetaldehyde peroxide<br>Inh: hydroquinone   | SS methods in a thermostatted (60-80 °C) and sealed quartz reaction vessel (10-25 mL); spectral information 220-770 nm  | I vs t<br>(t, E <sub>act</sub> )  | Observed "heterogeneous" and "homogeneous" CL; Postulates CL is from ROOH decomposition and not from RO <sub>2</sub> recombination. |
| Use of CL in the study of hydrocarbon oxidation (Vassiliev and co-workers, refs. 17, 18, 47, 62-65, reviewed in 14) | S: dimethylanthracene, benzene, MEK (methyl ethyl ketone), chlorobenzene, ethylbenzene, cumene, hydrocarbons<br>I: DCHPC, AIBN<br>Inh: hydroquinone, ionol<br>EA: 9,10-DBA, Europium chelate | SS including O <sub>2</sub> drop and NSS methods with air bubbled into a thermostatted (25-50 °C), water-jacketed glass or quartz cell (20 to 40 mL): large aperture monochromator for spectral information 300-650 nm. | I vs t, I vs λ,<br>I vs T, [O <sub>2</sub> ] vs t,<br>I vs [Inh]<br>(w <sub>i</sub> , E <sub>act</sub> , w <sub>i</sub> ,<br>k <sub>7</sub> /k <sub>6</sub> , t <sub>i</sub> , v <sub>i</sub> , k <sub>6</sub> ,<br>[ROOH]) | Early work on mechanism and use of CL in hydrocarbon oxidation studies; Shows that CL is from peroxy radical recombination (13).    |

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| Oxygen quenching of CL and the use of energy acceptors (Vassil'ev and co-workers, refs. 23,66,67)   | S: ethylbenzene, cyclohexane, MEK<br>I: DCHPC, AIBN<br>EA: 9,10 derivatives of anthracene oxazoles, pyrazolines  | Same as above   | I vs t<br>I vs [EA]  | Showed that O <sub>2</sub> quenches CL;<br>Addition of energy acceptors can reduce quenching; some system components and products act as "natural" quenchers or energy acceptors.   |
| <u>Oxidation Mechanism</u>  |  |   |  |   |
| Oxidation kinetics (Lundeen and co-workers, refs. 68-70)  | S: tetralin, dodecane, chlorobenzene, dichlorobenzene, 1,4-dimethyl-9,10-diphenylanthracene, 1-tridecene, indane, <u>trans</u> -decalin<br>I: benzoyl peroxide<br>EA: 9,10-DPA (9,10-diphenyl-anthracene), 9,10-DBA (9,10-dibromoanthracene), anthracene | SS including O <sub>2</sub> drop and NSS methods in a thermostatted (70-170 °C) cuvette (2-4 mL) with O <sub>2</sub> bubbled through solution   | I vs t<br>(t <sub>1/2</sub> , E <sub>act</sub> , Y)                  | Determined I <sub>CL</sub> was proportional to the pressure of oxygen at high high temperatures.  |
| Kinetics and mechanism of oxidation reaction (Nathan, Mendenhall, and co-workers, refs. 7,42,71-73) | S: tetralin, edible oil, dibenzylhyponitrite, 2-pentylhyponitrite, dodecane 1-tridecene<br>I: AIBN (azobisisobutyronitrile)<br>EA: 9,10-DPA, 9,10-DBA  | SS including O <sub>2</sub> drop methods in a thermostatted (25-140 °C) cell; Spectral information from 350-700 nm  | I vs t<br>(E <sub>act</sub> , k <sub>i</sub> 's)                     | Determined initiation mechanisms  |
| Study of metal catalyzed radical formation (Rychlá and co-workers, refs. 53,58)                     | S: benzene, ethylbenzene, cumene hydroperoxide, ethylbenzene hydroperoxide<br>I: AIBN<br>C: copper bis(-)ephedrine cobalt dinaphthenate<br>EA: 9,10-DBA  | SS including O <sub>2</sub> drop methods with O <sub>2</sub> or air bubbled into a reaction test tube (3 mL) in a special metallic oven at 50-70 °C; spectral information 400-470 nm. | I vs t<br>(t)  | Metal catalyst acts as both an inhibitor and accelerator; I <sub>CL</sub> oscillation observed due to temperature control   |
| Method for determining absolute rate constants (Vichutinskii, refs. 26,74)                          | S: cumene, ethyl benzene<br>I: DCHPC, AIBN<br>EA: 9,10-DBA, anthroquinone  | O <sub>2</sub> drop and NSS methods in a thermostatted (36-60 °C) glass reaction vessel (20-40 mL); photoinitiation; used spectral filters  | I vs t<br>(k <sub>6</sub> , k <sub>i</sub> , [ROOH] <sub>rel</sub> ) | Kinetics of "nonstationary" oxidation by abrupt introduction of O <sub>2</sub> or change in initiation rate; I <sub>CL</sub> independent of [O <sub>2</sub> ] > 10 <sup>-6</sup> M. |
| Method for study of initiated oxidation at short chain lengths (Vichutinskii, ref. 75)              | S: ethylbenzene, cyclohexane<br>I: DCHPC, AIBN   | Same as ref. 6 (Vassil'ev)  | I vs t<br>I vs [S]<br>(K <sub>1</sub> /√k <sub>6</sub> i)            | Determined decomposition/recombination rate constant ratio  |

Kinetics of simultaneous oxidation of two hydrocarbons (Karpukhin and Shlyapintokh, ref. 76)

Oxidation Inhibitors

Oxidation inhibitor study with transition metal (Gol'berg and co-workers, ref. 51)

Oxidation inhibitor study of aminoxy radical and the "cage" effect (Khlopyankina and co-workers, ref. 46)

Oxidation inhibition (Karpukhin and Shlyapintokh, refs. 34-36, 45, 77)

Oxidation Catalysts

Kinetics and mechanism of catalyzed oxidation (Zakharov and Shlyapintokh, refs. 48-50)

Footnotes:

- S = Sample
- I = Initiator
- EA = Energy Acceptor
- C = Catalyst
- Inh = Oxidation inhibitor
- SS = Steady state
- NSS = Nonsteady state
- Y = quantum efficiency

S: cumene, ethylbenzene  
I: AIBN

S: hydroperoxide, chlorobenzene  
I: AIBN  
Inh: Mn stearate  
EA: 9,10-DBA

S: ethylbenzene, diphenylmethane  
Inh: nitroxyls

S: ethylbenzene, cumene; 2,7-dimethyloctane, toluene  
2,2,4-trimethylpentane  
I: AIBN  
Inh: phenols and amines  
EA: 9,10-DBA

S: ethylbenzene, ethylbenzene ethylbenzene hydroperoxide  
C: cobalt acetate

I vs [S]  
(rate constant ratios)

I vs t  
( $w_i$ ,  $k_6$ ,  $k_7$ )

I vs t  
(t,  $w_i$ , consumption rate)

I vs t  
vs [Inh]  
( $k_7/\sqrt{k_6}$ )

I vs t  
I vs [S]  
( $E_{act}$ ,  $k_i$ )

CL intensity depends strongly on relative concentrations of the two hydrocarbons

Used  $k_7/\sqrt{k_6}$  as an inhibitor constant ranking parameter

Nitroxyl radicals react with R· not with  $RO_2\cdot$ , also did EPR study

Developed theory for CL measurement of inhibitor activity

Developed kinetic scheme for CL in catalyzed oxidation

SS and NSS methods with  $O_2$  bubbled into a thermostatted (60-80 °C) glass reaction vessel

SS methods with  $N_2$  containing 0.3%  $O_2$  bubbled into a thermostatted (60 °C) glass reaction vessel

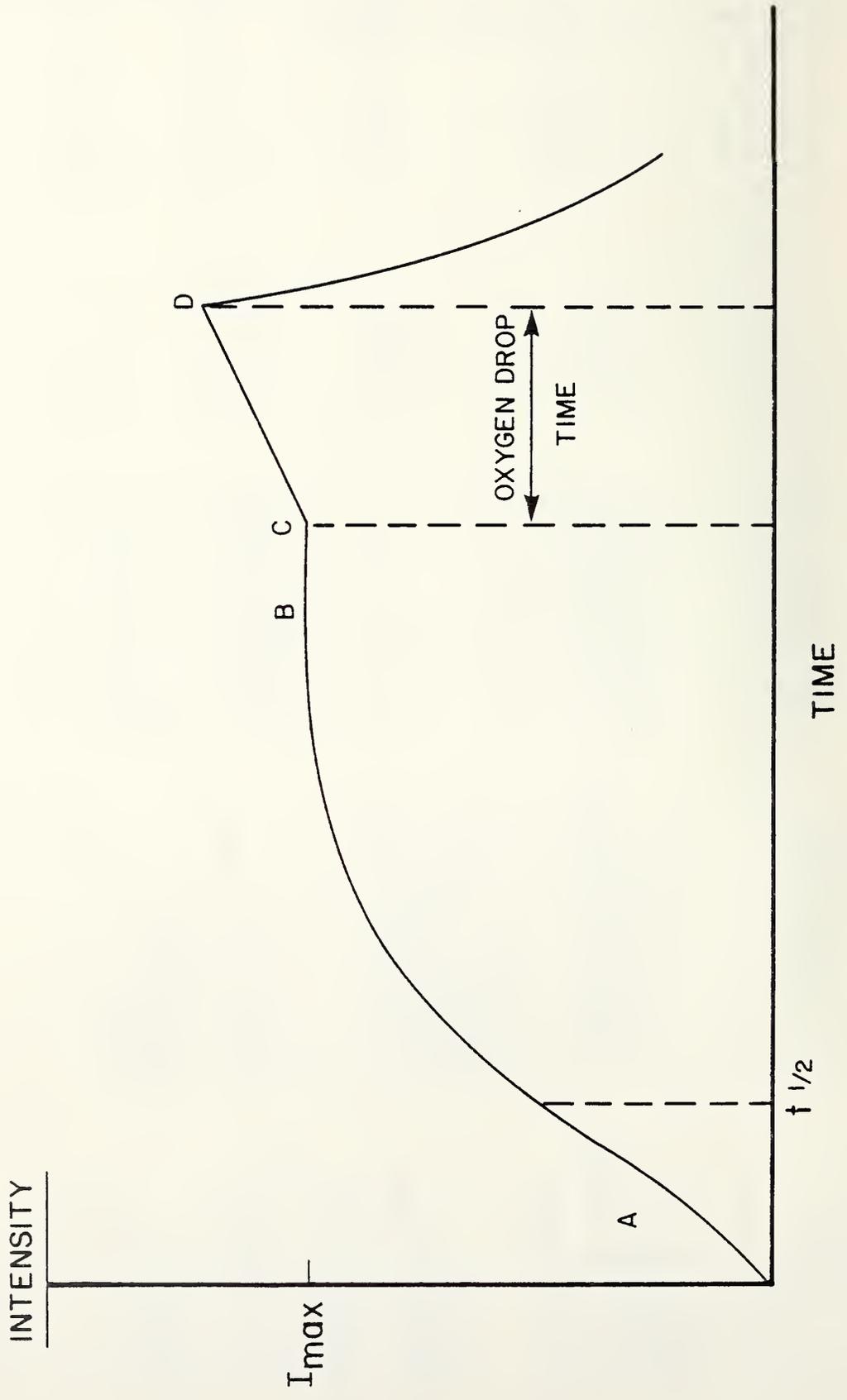
SS and NSS methods with dry air bubbled into a thermostatted (50-98 °C) cell (10 mL)

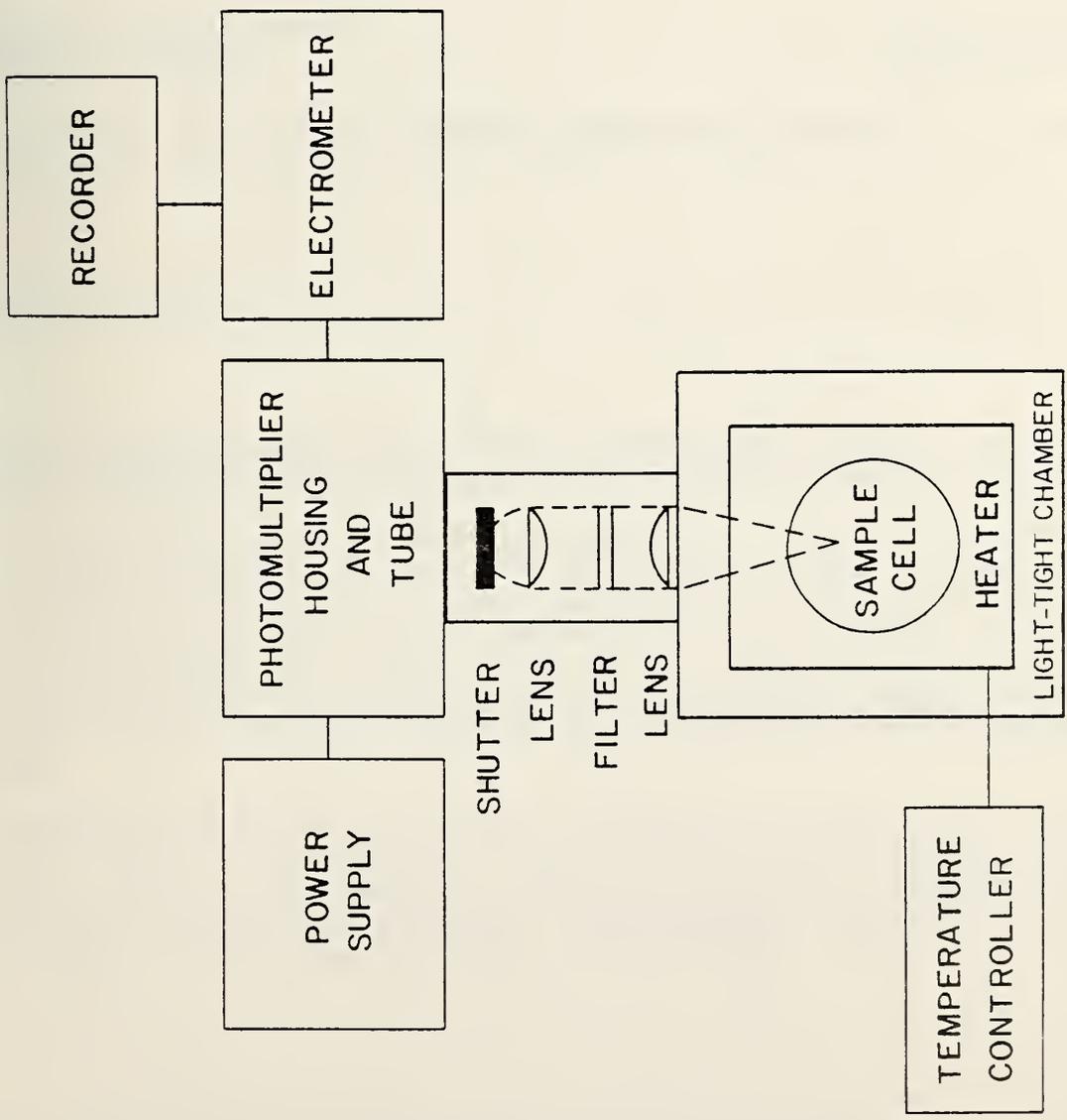
- $\lambda$  = wavelength
- $w_i$  = initiation rate
- $t_i^l$  = lifetime of species i
- $k_i$  = rate constant for reaction i
- T = induction time
- $t_{1/2}$  = time to  $1/2 (I_{max})$
- $w_0$  = overall oxidation rate

## Figure Captions

Figure 1. Typical intensity-time plot for CL oxygen drop experiment

Figure 2. Basic chemiluminescence apparatus







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The unique properties of CL methods for materials testing (e.g. lubricant oxidation stability) as well as fundamental understanding of chemical oxidation reactions are emphasized. Studies which evaluate petroleum and synthoil products, oxidation inhibitors and metal catalysts are discussed. Instrumentation capabilities are reviewed and critical features of instrumental design are discussed.

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